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MINUTES OF DEPUTIES' MEETINGS
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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Amory, Colonel White,
[redacted] Mr. Kirkpatrick, [redacted]
[redacted] Mr. Sheldon, [redacted]

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MR. DULLES: .

a. Reported on a very friendly conversation he had with Congressman Cannon on 23 December. He stated that he did not get into specific budget figures with Congressman Cannon but merely discussed briefly certain world events and exchanged pleasantries. The DCI indicated to Cannon that he would be ready to appear before his subcommittee for a thorough discussion of Agency activities and budgetary problems as soon as Cannon was ready to receive him.

b. Referred to a question which had come up as to whether or not we should appear with the State Department in their hearing before Congressman Rooney's committee because of the inclusion in State's agenda of an item covering the National Intelligence Survey program. The DCI expressed the view that we should not appear in any such hearing but should, if State requested it, supply State with a written memorandum which they could utilize in the course of the hearing.

c. Noted an exchange of cables between Headquarters and [redacted] dealing with an apparent conflict or misunderstanding between the service attache and our Chief of Station [redacted]. He asked [redacted] to see that [redacted] was kept advised of developments in this situation in the event it seemed necessary to have [redacted] step into a possible coordinating problem between CIA and the Department of Defense.

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e. Noted a State Department telegram from Moscow concerning reports that Nehru had been complaining to the Soviets about delays

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in the Soviet construction of the Indian steel mill. He requested Mr. [] to query [] and see if [] had any additional information which would confirm Indian Government dissatisfaction with Soviet performance under their contract.

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h. Noted that recently there had been several cables indicating various officials in elements of the East German Government are much confused and upset as a result of apparent Soviet indecision on following through on their original ultimatum to establish West Berlin as a free

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i. Mentioned a cable from [REDACTED] requesting that he be kept currently informed on developments in the proposed action to be taken with respect to Laos. The DCI asked [REDACTED] to see that [REDACTED] was kept fully informed on this subject.

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MR. AMORY:

Stated that talks are now taking place between his representative [REDACTED] on the subject of Indonesia. He commented that he understood that from time to time there are also conversations on this subject in Washington between [REDACTED] DD/P-FE, and a representative of the Department of State. He requested that a DD/I representative be present at future conversations on this subject in order that he may keep his man [REDACTED] properly informed.

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MR. KIRKPATRICK:

a. Mentioned that he had just heard that the Government of Haiti has hired the firm of Klein-Saks to make an economic study in Haiti and make recommendations to assist the Government of Haiti in establishing itself in sound economic order.

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